

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Formal Matters

Claims 1-45 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 5, 8-19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 36-39 and 41-43 are amended solely to avoid multiple dependencies.

The specification is amended to insert a claim of benefit of priority to the earlier-filed applications, and to insert the abstract, which appeared on the face of the published PCT application, as a separate page after the claims.

No new matter has been added.

Sequence Listing

I hereby certify that the enclosed Sequence Listing is being submitted under 37 CFR §§ 1.821(c) and (e) in paper and computer readable form (Compact Disk labeled 'CRF').

As required by 37 CFR 1.821(f), I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and (e) are the same.

The PCT application as published includes the paper copy Sequence Listing inserted after the claims (and now, with the amendment to include the abstract on a separate page, after the abstract) as separately numbered pages. A courtesy copy of the Sequence Listing in paper copy and CD as originally filed is attached hereto.

I hereby certify that the enclosed submission includes no new matter. The Sequence Listing was prepared with the software FASTSEQ, and conforms to the Patent Office guidelines. Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in adherence to 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825.

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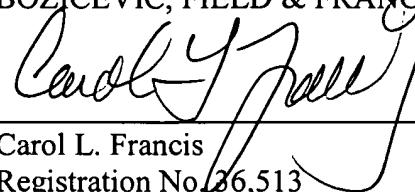
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